

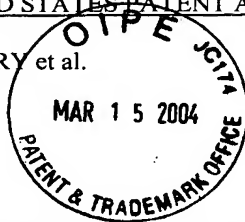
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION: Shelly John MECHERY et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: OPTICAL SENSING ELEMENTS FOR NITROGEN DIOXIDE (NO₂) GAS DETECTION, A SOL-GEL METHOD FOR MAKING THE SENSING ELEMENTS AND FIBER OPTIC SENSORS INCORPORATING NITROGEN DIOXIDE GAS OPTICAL SENSING ELEMENTS

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LIST OF RELATED CASES

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